

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.

He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 1: 29-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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LIGHT TO ALL PEOPLES

Like Archimedes, there are times we can call out 'eureka' (I have found!) and know that we have come to a moment of understanding and insight about ourselves. In the first reading, the mysterious servant figure found in the book of Isaiah has arrived at such a moment. They have come to see that their ministry is not only to bring the exiled people of Israel back to their land and to their God but to stand as a light and beacon to the nations.

In a similar fashion, John the Baptist comes to understand himself most truly when he sees Jesus and can proclaim him as the Lamb of God. At that moment, he understands that his ministry's purpose is to prepare the way for Jesus. His baptism of repentance is one that prepares the ground for the baptism of the Spirit which Jesus will give.

During the next seven weeks, the second reading will be taken from Paul's first letter to the community he had founded in Corinth. It was a vibrant and volatile community that was just as varied in status, nationality and wealth as the cosmopolitan city itself. The city was a hive of activity situated where trade routes north-south and east-west intersected. As Paul begins the letter, he is mindful of the international character of the city and of the early Christian movement itself and so it is with this insight that he prays with all those throughout the world who call with faith on the name of Jesus.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Isa 49: 3, 5-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 39: 2, 4, 7-10. R. vv. 8, 9

R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord / and he stooped down to me; / he heard my cry. / He put a new song into my mouth, / praise of our God. **R.**

2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, / but an open ear. / You do not ask for holocaust and victim. / Instead, here am I. **R.**

3. In the scroll of the book it stands written / that I should do your will. / My God, I delight in your law / in the depth of my heart. **R.**

4. Your justice I have proclaimed / in the great assembly. / My lips I have not sealed; / you know it, O Lord. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Cor 1: 1-3

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

■ The word of the Lord.



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Our Parishes acknowledge and honour the Bidjigal and Gadagal People of the Eora Nation as traditional custodians of this land, that we stand on.



Go Make Disciples, The Mission Plan for the Archdiocese of Sydney

Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

Recently Deceased: George Cardinal Pell AC. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Rosina Giufre, Juancho Del Castillo, Christina Ng (mother of Justin Chow of Matraville), Margarida Fernandes, Malcolm MacDonald, Kate Palos, and all the people of Ukraine and Russia, and all who have died from the Covid-19 Virus.

Deceased: Agnes Brisbane. All the souls in Purgatory.

Anniversary: James Mahoney, Lucia Spano, Paul Calleja, Yolande Aquilina, Albert Absi, Lydia & Joseph Bujeya, Desmond Ebejer, Marie Hurworth, Angeline & Joseph Portelli, Oscar Bartolo.

The Sick: John Sarniak Thomson, Pam O'Grady, Heracleo & Mamerta Dela Torre, Sylvester and Jacintha Mory, Santa Viselli, Horrie Mifsud, Maria Reilly, Ellie Carter and Ernie Ross. Pray for the sick, the dying, the poor and homeless in our parishes, and those suffering from Covid.



Please see Parish websites for further notices.

Where will Fr. John be celebrating Mass next weekend?

Saturday - 21 January — 5.00pm St Andrew's (Livestreamed)
Sunday - 22 January, - 10.00am St Agnes'



CONGRATULATIONS to Vivian and Edmond Felice who celebrated their 58th Wedding Anniversary on the 2nd of January.



Greetings to all parishioners and visitors of St Andrew & St Agnes Twinned Catholic Parishes, Malabar — Matraville.

Last Monday, 9 January 2023, Rome time, our 8th Archbishop of Sydney, George Cardinal Pell AC (2001—2013) passed away due to medical complication following routine hip surgery, experiencing a cardiac arrest while in the recovery ward following the operation and died. I am sure we are all deeply saddened by the sudden passing of our Cardinal Pell. Cardinal Pell was fearless preacher of the Gospel and explaining the teachings of the Church. He spoke the truth as he found it, however difficult or unpopular they were. There is much to celebrate the life of Cardinal Pell, as that leader and teacher in so many ways. His stage of ministry was large and numerous, I am sure we can't forget World Youth Day, Sydney 2008, what a wonderful celebration of Youth and the Australian Church, many Roman Appointments to various Councils and cumulating as Prefect for the Secretariat of the Economy and member of Pope Francis' Council of Cardinal Advisors.



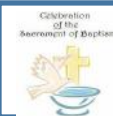
Cardinal Pell's episcopal motto was "Do not be afraid" following Jesus' mantra to all his disciples, Do not be afraid. Cardinal Pell very much lived this of our Lord's motto and believing in God's providence love and protection. This was particularly evident in his wrongful conviction and imprisonment, spoke volumes of his accepting suffering with dignity and peace.

Cardinal George Pell will remember as a courageous leader who inspired and mentored so many clergy and lay faithful. Your Eminence, may our good Lord say to you, well done good, faithful servant and enter into Kingdom prepared for you. May you Rest in Peace.

Cardinal Pell's will be brought back to Australia where there will be Mass of Christian Burial here in St Mary's Cathedral and laid to rest in the Crypt in a number of weeks.

God bless you all,

Father John



We welcome Gabriella Mary Moore and Elijah Victor Said into our Parish Community, who will receive the sacrament of Baptism this weekend at St Andrew's Malabar.



Parish Outing by Coach: Tuesday 21st February 2023 to CAMDEN

Gledswood Homestead and Winery plus History Tour
Cost: \$50.00 per person includes - Coach Fare, Morning Tea, Lunch at Gledswood Homestead Winery, History Tour, Camden
Kathy Sullivan: 9311-1749 or Marie Jennings: 9661-7186
Full Payment required by 29th January 2023

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguarding.enquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.